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SUBJECT: RETURN TO ADDIS OF UNITED NATIONS DEPENDENTS CURRENTLY ON LEAVE

1. UNDP ACTING DIRECTOR HAS TOLD US TELEGRAM WAS SENT TO UNNY LAST WEEK FROM ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (ECA) RAISING OUESTION OF WHETHER DEPENDENTS OF 44 UN/ECA PERSONNEL HERE WHO ARE CURRENTLY ON LEAVE, SHOULD RETURN TO ADDIS IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. UNDP CLEARED TELEGRAM. REASON GIVEN FOR RAISING QUESTION IS CURRENT SHORTAGE OF GASOLINE, NOT RPT NOT SECURITY PROBLEMS. CONTEXT WAS QUESTION OF WHETHER PERSONNEL WILL BE ABLE TO GET ABOUT SUFFICIENTLY TO DO THEIR JOBS OR EVEN GET TO AND FROM WORK. UNNY HAS RESPONDED BY ASKING FOR ADDITIONAL EVALUATION BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION. UNDP ACTING DIRECTOR SAID HE HAD CANVASSED "SOME" OTHER MISSIONS (INCLUDING OUR OWN) BEFORE SIGNING OFF ON TELEGRAM, AND FOUND THAT NO OTHER MISSION EXCEPT DUTCH (ADDIS 4811) AND TO LESSER DEGREE SWEDES WHO HAD TOLD THEIR VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL THREE-FOUR MONTHS AGO THEY COULD LEAVE IF THEY WISHED. WAS TAKING ANY SIMILAR ACTION. (OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT DANES AND NORWEGIANS, NEITHER OF WHOM HAVE RESIDENT MISSIONS HERE, HAVE ALSO ADVISED THEIR CITIZENS TO RETURN HOME). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. FOREGOING IS SIMPLY TO ALERT DEPT IN EVENT OF INQUIRY FROM UNNY. IN OUR JUDGMENT, WHILE GASOLINE SHORTAGES ARE ANNOYING, THEY NOT CRITICAL. VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AT LEAST IN ADDIS IS ALMOST AS HEAVY AS EVER. SHOULD ASSAB FALL, OR ASSAB-ADDIS ROAD BE CUT, SITUATION COULD CHANGE QUICKLY AND SHARPLY, BUT THAT IS

MUCH TOO "IFFY" A PROPOSITION TO MAKE JUDGMENTS NOW.
OIL COMPANY SOURCES EXPECT SITUATION ROCK ALONG MORE OR
LESS AS IT IS NOW SO LONG AS SUPPLIES CONTINUE BE
AVAILABLE. MEANWHILE, ADDIS SECURITY SITUATION REMAINS
BASICALLY CALM. RELATIVE QUIET OF PAST THREE MONTHS
STILL CONTINUES IN EFFECT, A POINT NOT CONTESTED BY
OFTEN-SKITTISH ECA IN THEIR MESSAGE TO NEW YORK. UNDP,
OF COURSE, GIVEN AMOUNT OF FIELD WORK IT STILL PERFORMS,
DOES HAVE GREATER CONCERN FOR GASOLINE SUPPLIES THAN
MOST OTHER MISSIONS HERE.
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